

## **BLM News**

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## Public meetings scheduled for Roan Plateau plan

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO—The Bureau of Land Management Glenwood Springs Field Office has scheduled three informational public meetings for the Roan Plateau Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

All three meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The meeting schedule is:

- December 13, 2004 Battlement Mesa Activity Center, 0398 Arroyo Drive, Parachute, CO
- December 15, 2004 Garfield County Fairgrounds ("New Hall"), 1001 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO
- December 16, 2004 Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100
  Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs, CO

The 73,602-acre area formerly known as the Naval Oil Shale Reserve is a popular destination for local recreation, and contains some of Colorado's richest natural gas resources. Approximately half of the Roan Plateau consists of highlands located above dramatic cliffs that provide a scenic backdrop to I-70. The remainder of the area consists of lower elevations where natural gas leasing and production is already underway.

A 90-day public comment period for the Daft RMP/EIS is from Dec. 3, 2004 through March 4, 2005. The BLM will analyze public comments and draft a final plan that may include all or part of the Draft alternatives.

Public comments should provide specific information about the plan to help inform the BLM's decision-making process. Copies of the Draft Roan Plateau RMP/EIS and information on providing public input are available in the Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50629 Hwy 6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602 or online at <a href="https://www.roanplateau.ene.com">www.roanplateau.ene.com</a>.